

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 02-07-23**

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Business Meeting: July 23, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2002.7.80 – NorthWestern Energy – NorthWestern's 2002 Annual Avoided Cost Compliance Filing for July 2002 to June 2003 Contract Year. (07/23/02)
2. D2002.7.81 – NorthWestern Energy – Green Power Service – Discuss/Act on Draft Notice of Opportunity to Comment and Request Hearing. (07/23/02)
3. Commission Forum on Restructuring Issues – Discuss Staff Memo on Role of Default Supply and Notice of Opportunity to Comment. (07/23/02)
4. U.S. Energy Assoc. Partnerships – Discuss Entering into a Partnership with the Mongolian Energy Regulatory Body. (07/23/02)
5. D2001.12.158 and D2002.5.60 – Mountain Water Company –
D2001.12.158 – Application for Tariff Changes for Water Services in Missoula and Linda Vista Division – D2002.5.60 – Application for Authority to Increase Rates and Charges for Water Service to Missoula Customers. (07/23/02)

6. D2001.7.98 – Clark Fork Telephone – Amend Non-Rate Access Tariffs – Discussion and Action on Qwest Request for Protective Order – Clark Fork Telephone has a Protective Order in this Docket. Qwest Requests one Also – PSC Rules allow one Protective Order to cover all Parties, With a Proper Motion. (07/23/02)
7. D2000.5.70 – Qwest – Qwest 271 Application – Final Draft of Consultative Report from Montana Commission to FCC Making Recommendation on Qwest's Application for 271 Approval will be Presented to Commission for Discussion and Action. (07/23/02)

Other Meetings

1. NorthWestern Energy - Meeting on Real Time Metering.
(July 23, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. Bollinger Room)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Hinson Power Company LLC N2002.7.88 (Will)
On July 10, 2002, Hinson Power Company LLC filed an application for a license to supply electricity in the state of Montana. If it is granted a license, Hinson would sell power to Columbia Falls Aluminum Company. Hinson Power Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CFAC.
2. YELLOWSTONE PIPELINE CO. D2002.2.19 (JOEL)
On June 21, 2002, Yellowstone Pipeline Co. filed an application for an approximate 20 percent decrease in rates from an increase of 53 percent, which the Commission approved in March of 2001 due to increased power costs. This decrease is for the pipeline between Billings and Bozeman, Helena, Great Falls & Missoula.
3. CenturyTel N2002.7.82 (Scott)

On July 3, 2002, CenturyTel filed Tariff advice no. 02-5. In this filing CenturyTel is requesting to run promotion for addition lines and Caller ID. The promotion is scheduled to run from August 15, 2002, through September 30, 2002. The non-recurring charges will be waived for customers who subscribe to additional lines at the same premises during the promotion. The company also plans to conduct a promotion in which the first months charge for the Caller ID feature will be waived for the customers who subscribe during the promotion.

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Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-07-30

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2002.7.89 – Montana Dakota Utilities – Application to Implement a Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment

N2002.7.90 – CenturyTel – Tariff Transmittal 02-06 - Security Deposits from Carriers

D2002.7.91 – Qwest/Excel – Interconnection Agreement